

NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION

December 9, 2009

DRAFT Minutes

200 E. Santa Clara Street

City Hall, Wing Room 118-119

San Jose, CA 95118

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Commissioners Present		
Larry Ames	Jaime Angulo	Robert E. Boydston
Marie C. Arnold	David J. Biagini	Neetu Dhaliwal
Elizabeth Contreras	David D. Dearborn	Ed Brooks
Hugh Graham	Charles E. Jones	Christopher Zhou
Matthew Whalin	Thomas Paramo	Manuel Souza
Aarón R. Reséndez	Moses C. Ramirez	Lori L. Kahn
Beth Shafran-Mukai	Rafael Sabic	Russell Petruzzeli
Hausleey Silva	Robert Sandoval	

Commissioners Absent		
Judy Soito	Elsie Aranda	Frank Throckmorton

Staff:

Ernest Guzman, Annie Gambelin, Devony Taylor, Alex Ruvalcaba – Neighborhood Development Center

Adrianna Masuko – Policy Director, Office of Vice Mayor Judy Chirco

(a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai.
Roll Call by Ernest Guzman – Community Services Supervisor, Neighborhood Development Center

(b) Open Forum

- (1) Michael La Rocca invited everyone to the upcoming United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Annual Conference on April, 17, 2010 which is tentatively scheduled to take place at San Jose City College.
- (2) Ernest Guzman asked the Commissioners to volunteer as part of the CAP Grant-Cycle 24 Review Committee.

Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on this agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes. Please note that the Commission may not take action on issues brought forth under Open Forum, but may refer issues to staff for action at a further meeting.

(c) Informational Items

- (1) Swearing in of the Alternate for District 3, Mauricio Astacio, and the Alternate for District 7, Bertha Ward. Motion to approve alternates made by Commissioner Ames and second by Commissioner Whalin. Dennis Hawkins – Assistant City Clerk, City Clerk's Office performed the swearing in.

- (d) Motion to approve the minutes for October 14, 2009 made by Commissioner Angulo and second by Commissioner Wahlin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- (e) The minutes for November 18, 2009 were approved unanimously.

(f) Items Presented for Action

- (1) Chairs were appointed to the Standing Committees by Commission Chair, Shafran-Mukai and are as follows:
 - (a) Executive Committee: Commission Chair, Commission Vice-Chair and standing Committee Chairs
 - (b) Work Plan Committee: Commissioner Dhaliwal
 - (c) Caucus Committee: Commissioner Biagini
 - (d) Communication and Outreach Committee: Commissioner Whalin
- (2) Follow-up discussion on the Budget Presentation on November 18, 2009.
 - (a) Neighborhood Commissioners were invited to participate in the Mayor's Special Budget Session schedule for 12/17/09. 6 volunteers were needed.
- (3) Recognition of the work of the Neighborhoods Commission Ad-Hoc Committee and groups that provided their assistance (League of Women Voters and United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County).
 - (a) Several ideas were suggested to recognize the individuals who participated in the process:
 - (1) Make a recommendation to Councilmembers to recognize the Ad-Hoc Committee Members at a Council Meeting.
 - (2) Make a recommendation to Councilmembers to invite Ad-Hoc Committee Members to the State of the City Address
 - (3) Present Ad-Hoc Committee Members with a commendation at a Council meeting.Commissioner Ames made a motion to send the above recommendations to council. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearborn. Motion was approved unanimously.

(g) Informational Items

- (1) Ernest Guzman gave a brief summary of the process for the District 9 special caucus:
 - Set up was done in about 3 weeks
 - Impressive panel made up of 5 candidates
 - The group elected 1 commissioner and 2 alternates

(2) Rudy Navarro, Senior Analyst, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Services, City of San Jose, made a presentation about the Re-Use Facility Report. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

(3) Ernest Guzman provided a report on Neighborhoods Commission Draft Work Plan. Once the Work Plan is set, staff will need to develop a budget. The Commissioners requested pricing information for business cards.

(h) Next Steps

Ernest Guzman suggested a pot luck celebration in the Spring of 2010.

(c) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at City Hall, Wing Room 118-119, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95118

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